M/s. Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., Guangdong was above the normal value during the period of investigation and as such no duty was imposed by the Government on imports of vitrified Porcelain tiles from M/s. Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., China PR. No other exporter has so far been exempted from the said anti-dumping duty.

(d) According to the Directorate General of Safeguards, there is no such proposal under their consideration at present.

Funds for development of industries in Punjab

2304. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government for development of industries in Punjab during the Tenth Plan, district-wise;

(b) the amount released and utilized by Punjab so far; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made, so far in respect of growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has formulated an Industrial Infrastructural Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) with a view to enhance international competitiveness of the domestic industry by providing quality infrastructure through public-private partnership in selected functional clusters/locations which have greater potential to become globally competitive. Under this Scheme, Textile Cluster Ludhiana District Ludhiana has been approved and Rs. 4.21 crore has been release to this Cluster during the Tenth Plan period so far.

The allocation of funds is made scheme-wise, and not State/District-wise. The implementing agency for this Cluster has so far incurred Rs. 0.58 lakh. Since the projects under this Scheme have long gestation period, the utilization of funds is generally slow. However, the Government is committed for early development of projects and timely release of assistance under the scheme.

Further under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Scheme, funds are provided for the developing for infrastructure for exports. The details of funds

released to the Government of Punjab under the State Component of the ASIDE Scheme during the last three years are as follows:

SI. No.	Year	Amount Released (in Rs. Lakh)
1.	2002-03	900.00
2.	2003-04	1,000.00
3.	2004-05	968.00

Apart from the above, a sum of Rs. 4 crore has also been released to Punjab Small Industry and Export Corporation (PSIEC) in 2005 from the Central component of ASIDE for the construction of second module Common Effluent Treatment Plant at the Leather Complex in Jalandhar.

Import Duty on Soda Ash

2305. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of Import Duty on soda ash;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested against further reduction of Import Duty rates to protect the domestic soda ash industry against import; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Soda ash at present attracts customs duty at the rate of 15% *ad valorem.*

(b) and (c) Department of revenue has received a request from Government of Gujarat for maintaining the present rate of import duty. This request would be examined at the time of formulation of the budget for 2006-07.

Import of Indian Poultry products by Japan

2306. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has allowed import of Indian poultry products;